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Councilmember Rose Herrera Hosts Graffiti Cleanup Training at Welch Park in San Jose

SAN JOSE, CA – San José Councilmember Rose Herrera will host a Graffiti Cleanup Training on **Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Welch Park located at 2300 Huran Drive, San Jose, CA 95122.** Join Councilmember Rose Herrera at a hands-on Graffiti Cleanup Training. This event will be a great opportunity for community members to pick up information, get training and/or sign up to become an Anti-Graffiti Program volunteer with the City of San José.

“Now more than ever we need the community to help us keep our city clean and safe,” says Councilmember Rose Herrera, “our residents know their neighborhoods best and we want to give them the skills and tools to help abate graffiti in their areas. By working alongside our city Anti-Graffiti team and our new contractor, Graffiti Protective Coatings, residents can help expedite the cleanup of graffiti and send a message to taggers that it will not be tolerated in their neighborhoods.”

As the chair of the outreach committee on the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force, Councilmember Herrera is committed to engaging the community in prevention efforts which include graffiti abatement. Community support is needed to help achieve the goal of removing graffiti within 24 hours. There are currently over 3,000 registered volunteers who have been trained in graffiti removal by the city, but more are needed.

The Anti-Graffiti Program will provide residents with all the tools of the trade. The free Anti-Graffiti kit includes: safety glasses, a mask, gloves, rags, sponges and solvent (a liquid that removes graffiti). There will be training stations set up to specifically train volunteers to begin abating graffiti in our neighborhoods, followed by hands-on abatement the day of the event. District 8 is fortunate to be the first area to receive this training with the new city contractor, Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc.

About the Anti-Graffiti Program

The City’s Anti-Graffiti Program has a full-time staff equipped with graffiti trucks to clean large areas. The program also collaborates with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to address graffiti along the water shed areas, Cal-Trans for highways and freeways, Santa Clara County for expressways, and the Valley Transportation Authority for bus and light rail areas.

About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently serves as the Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member and Chair of the Outreach Committee of the Mayor's Gang Task Force, a boardmember on the Valley Transportation Authority and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the newly elected President of the League of California Cities' Women's Caucus. For more information <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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